Defenseless Christianity: Anabaptism for a Nonviolent Church

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Cascadia Publishing House, United States, 2009. Paperback. Book Condition: New. New.. 213 x 140 mm. Language: English. Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. I've been reading with interest the important work being done by Denny Weaver and others on violence in relation to our understandings of God, atonement, and eschatology. I've also been watching, with joy, the growing rediscovery of the nonviolent heritage of the Radical Reformation. So I enthusiastically await the release of Defenseless Christianity, observes Brian D. McLaren, Author/Activist). Entering a field of ongoing controversy, this book dares to offer a new model or vision--defenseless Christianity—for understanding Anabaptism, both present and past. The authors content that an Anabaptism defined as defenseless Christianity should be seen as a nonviolent Christian movement with a world-reconciling theology even though some first-generation Anabaptists were not pacifists. Greg Boyd, Author, The Myth of a Christian Nation; and Pastor, Woodland Hills Church, expresses in the foreword his hope that God uses this book to call Anabaptists along with other Jesus-followers back to the beautifully foolish, enemy-loving, cross-bearing center of our faith. Nancy R. Heisey, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Church History at Eastern Mennonite University as well as...

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Brings in non-Mennonite/Anabaptist perspectives for a wider view of the impact of Mennonite/Anabaptist practices on Christianity. Delves into the history of Anabaptism for a fresh look at its genesis. Product Details. Title: Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies Collection. Doctrines of the Bible: A Brief Discussion of the Teachings of God’s Word ed. Daniel Kauffman. Engaging Anabaptism: Conversations With a Radical Tradition ed. John D. Roth. Glimpses of Mennonite History and Doctrine by John C. Wenger. The Mennonites are a group of Christian Anabaptist denominations named after Menno Simons (1496-1561), although his teachings were a relatively minor influence on the group. As one of the historic peace churches, Mennonites are committed to nonviolence, nonviolent resistance/reconciliation, and pacifism. There were about 1.5 million Mennonites worldwide as of 2006. Mennonite congregations embody various traditions from old fashioned ‘plain’ people to those who are indistinguishable in appearance from Anabaptists (Greek ana + baptizo “re-baptizers”, German: Wiedertäufer) were Christians of the Radical Reformation. The term was coined by critics, who objected to the Anabaptist practice of rebaptizing adults who had previously been baptized as infants. Anabaptists believed infant baptism was not valid. Various groups at various times have been called Anabaptist, but this article focuses primarily on the Anabaptists of 16th century Europe. Christian History Institute (CHI) provides church history resources and self-study material and publishes the quarterly Christian History Magazine. Our aim is to make Christian history enjoyable and applicable to the widest possible audience. A person could not be called a dirtier name in sixteenth century Christian Europe. By its enemies Anabaptism was regarded as a dangerous movement—a program for violent destruction of Europe’s religious and social institutions. Its practices were regarded as odd and antisocial; its beliefs as devil-inspired heresy.